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# WHAT FARM WOMEN SAY ABOUT KEEPING ACCOUNTS

Farm women and girls in a number of States have been making a business-like study of their personal and home expenditures as a part of their extension activities. Their reports tell some of the things they got out of the study. In Maryland, for example, 596 club girls kept clothing cost records for 1935. The Garrett County agent says: "Girls found through care of their hose they could reduce that expenditure on their budgets. They learned to locate poor investments and to buy better quality products. They found it better to make their slips, dresses, and house aprons."

"Over half the records indicated that more harmonious family relationships were brought about as the older girls realized the cost of clothing and what their share in the family budget should be." Talbot County girls wanted to know, "Did my clothes cost too much?" or "How did my clothing costs compare with those of other girls?"

In the report of Mrs. Verna Thompson of Garvin County, Okla., she says, "I had no idea I used so much of what we raised on the farm until I began keeping books. My account keeping has also shown me the correct amount of cash income I receive from farm products, also the

amount of income received from farm products used in the home. When I added my 3 or 4 gallons of cream together with my few dozen eggs I sold, it ran up into actual dollars. This year's bookkeeping has helped me in planning my next year's budgeting.....and caused me to organize my spending."

One woman says her records show where most labor is required and where some could be eliminated another year. She keeps a column for music and dances and provides allowances for her two children. "My column for the car expense has been of untold value."

Other women speak of their satisfaction in "knowing where every penny comes from and where it goes"; of having itemized accounts of all clothing purchased; of help in planning wardrobe expenditures.

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